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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED SEPT. 13, 1973 FROM CUBAN
CHARGE TO PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL REQUESTING SC
MEETING ON CHILE (UN DOCUMENT #S/10995):

IN COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY
GOVERNMENT OF CUBA, I REQUEST YOU TO CONVENE THE SECURITY
COUNCIL AS A MATTER OF URGENCY WITH A VIEW TO CONSIDERING
THE SERIOUS ACTS COMMITTED BY THE ARMED FORCES OF CHILE AND
CONSTITUTING FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF THE OBLIGATIONS PLACED
UPON EVERY MEMBER STATE BY ARTICLE 2 (2) AND (4) OF THE
CHARTER. THE SITUATION CREATED BY SUCH ACTS CONSTITUTES
A SERIOUS THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY
WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLES 34, 35 AND 39 OF THE CHARTER.

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AS STATED IN THE NOTED ADDRESSED TO YOU YESTERDAY,

12 SEPTEMBER, BY THE ACTING MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF CUBA, DR. RENE ANILLO CAPOTE (DOCUMENT S/10993), ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1973 SHOTS WERE FIRED BY THE ARMED FORCES OF CHILE AGAINST THE PREMISES OF THE EMBASSY OF CUBA TO THAT COUNTRY.

THE ABOVE-MENTIONED NOTE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT, SOME HOURS LATER, AT 3.30 P.M. ON 11 SEPTEMBER, ADMIRAL CARVAJAL, ALLEGING THAT SHOTS HAD BEEN FIRED FROM THE CUBAN EMBASSY AT THE FORCES SURROUNDING IT, CALLED THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR, THREATENING TO LAUNCH A VIGOROUS ATTACK ON THE EMBASSY.

THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT OF 11 SEPTEMBER, AND CONTINUING INTO THE MORNING OF 12 SEPTEMBER, SPORADIC SHOTS WERE FIRED AGAINST THE CUBAN MISSION, AS A RESULT OF WHICH LUIS FARIAS, A MEMBER OF OUR MISSION, WAS GRAVELY WOUNDED IN THE CHEST, WHILE AT 4 A.M. WHEN DR. MARIO GARCIA INCHAUSTEGUI, THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR, AND LUIS FERNANDEZ ONA, A COUNSELLOR OF THE MISSION, WERE STANDING IN THE DOORWAY OF THE MISSION, UNITS SURROUNDING THE MISSION BEGAN FIRING BURSTS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, MACHINE-GUNS WERE FIRED FROM NEIGHBOURING BUILDINGS.

THIS SITUATION IS COMPOUNDED BY AGGRESSION COMMITTED AGAINST THE CUBAN MERCHANT VESSEL PLAYA LARGA, WHICH WAS ATTACKED DURING THE EVENING OF 11 SEPTEMBER BY AIRCRAFT OF THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE AND CONTINUALLY HARASSED BY SHELLS FIRED BY LAND UNITS OF THE CHILEAN NAVY, INFLECTING SERIOUS DAMAGE UPON OUR MERCHANT VESSEL WHILE SAILING IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

AS STATED IN THE EARLIER COMMUNICATION, THESE ACTS CONSTITUTE GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER PARAMOUNT NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, PARTICULARLY THE 1961 VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL RULES OF NAVIGATION RECOGNIZED BY STATES. I THEREFORE REQUEST YOU TO BEGIN TAKING FORTHWITH THE NECESSARY MEASURES WITH A VIEW TO CONVENING THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AT THE SAME TIME, I FORMALLY REQUEST THAT CUBA BE INVITED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION.

(SIGNED) TEOFILLO ACOSTA
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